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**PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re:	Patent Application of Douglas B. Cines, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1614
Appln. No.:	09/880,503	: Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed:	June 13, 2001	:
Title:	COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR MODULATING MUSCLE CELL AND TISSUE CONTRACTILITY	: Attorney Docket : No. 53893-5034 : (Client Matter No. 9596-331)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a four (4) month extension of time, to and including January 25, 2002, for responding to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts dated July 25, 2001.

The Petition Fee of **\$720.00** is being paid by our firm's check which is enclosed with Applicants' response to the Notice to File Missing Parts being filed simultaneously herewith. Any additional fees/overpayments are authorized to be charged/credited to our firm's Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (billing code 053893-5034).

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